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[Despatch Abstract.]

AGRICULTURE- GSW Campaign- Plant and machinery
Required therefor- Setting up of an Organisation
at the Centre- Government of India- Replied to

No. F.7-2/48- BMF.
Government of India.
Ministry of Agriculture.
New Delhi, the 5th March, 1948.

From

B.R. Sen Esquire, CIE., ICS.,
Secretary to the Government of India.

To

All Provincial Governments.

Sub: Grow More Food Campaign- Plant
and Machinery required therefor.

Sir,

I am directed to say that in the past some of the Provincial Governments have been placing their orders for the supply of tractors, pumps and other materials required in connection with the Grow More Food campaign with different agencies, such as, the Ministry of Agriculture, Director General of Industry and Supply, and private firms. As the Provincial Governments are aware, the demand for these materials is far in excess of the quantities available at present. This necessarily leads to the result that in most cases orders are not complied with expeditiously and to the satisfaction of these Governments. The Government of India accordingly consider that in order to ensure quick implementation of food production plans, the supply of materials which have to be imported or purchased locally should be centralised. For this purpose it is proposed to set up an organisation at the Centre with the following functions:-

- (i) On the supply side to collect information from all the importing firms as well as from the Government of India's commercial representatives abroad of the supplies available under the various categories of the goods required.
- (ii) On the demand side to collect information from all the Provincial Governments etc. about their requirements of materials in connection with the five-year food production plan.
- (iii) To co-ordinate requirements and available supply to ensure a rational distribution of these supplies.

This organisation, when set up, will be able to place consolidated orders, tap alternative sources of supplies and ask wherever necessary for foreign aid at a governmental level. I am accordingly to enquire whether the Provincial Government agree to the setting up of such an organisation at the Centre. If so, they are required to furnish the following information to this Ministry at a very early date:-

- (i) A consolidated list of requirements divided into:
 - (a) those for which orders have already been placed but not executed, and
 - (b) likely demands during the next four years.
- (ii) Detailed specifications of the goods required.

I have the honour to be,
Sir,
Your most obedient servant.,

Sd.
SECRETARY.

True Copy.

Development Department.

LETTER NO. Ms. 3793, Dated the 17th July 1948.

To

The Secretary to the Government of India
Ministry of Agriculture,
NEW DELHI.

Sir,

Sub: Agriculture - G.M.F. Campaign- Plant and machinery
required therefore setting up of an organisation
at the centre; Government of India. *Replied to*
Ref: Your letter No. F.2/48 G.M.F. dated 5/6th
March 1948.

With reference to your letter cited, I am directed to state that the Government of Madras agree to the setting up of an Organisation at the Centre for the supply of tractors, pumps and other materials required in connection with the Grow More Food Campaign subject to the following reservations:

- (a) That the supplies to the Provincial Government should be in accordance with the indents made by them, of the makes and types specified in the indents and (iii) within the stipulated time for delivery.
- (b) that no alternative supplies should be effected against the required types unless the Provincial Government's prior concurrence is obtained;
- (c) that in case of suitable equipments being made available to the Provincial Government by the Manufacturer Importers earlier than the Central Organisation's deliveries, the Provincial Government will have the right to accept these earlier supplies and cancel the equivalent items ordered through the Central Organisation; and
- (d) that for all machinery and equipment supplied by the Central Organisation ready stocks of renewals and spares should also be simultaneously arranged through the Manufacturers' importers.

2. As decided by the Government of India I am also to forward herewith a consolidated list of machinery indicating the requirements of the Government decided into two categories:-

- (a) those for which orders have already been placed but not executed (Statement I enclosed)
- (b) those for which there are likely demands during the next four year (Statements II and III enclosed, statement II showing items contemplated for purchase in the Five Year Plan for Food Production and Statement III showing the list of machinery not falling under the F.Y.P.)

The detailed specifications of the machinery are also indicated in the statements enclosed.

I am to add that the forwarding of this list should not be construed as committing this government in any manner.

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Copy to Joint Director of Agriculture.